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Fill	in this information to ident	ify your case:				
Uni	ited States Bankruptcy Court	for the:				
NO	RTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLI	NOIS				
			Chapter 11			
Case number (if known)			Chapter <u>11</u>	☐ Check if this an amended filing		
V (ore space is needed, attach	on for Non-Individual a separate sheet to this form. On the top a separate document, Instructions for Bai	of any additional pages, write the	debtor's name and the case number (if		
1.	Deptor's name	Heritage Lab Express, Inc.				
2.	All other names debtor used in the last 8 years					
	Include any assumed names, trade names and doing business as names					
3.	Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)	81-4719453				
4.	Debtor's address	Principal place of business	Mailing addres business	s, if different from principal place of		
		3670 Ayr Lane Crete, IL 60417	25716 South Crete, IL 604	Stoney Island Avenue 17		
		Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code		per, Street, City, State & ZIP Code		
		Will		ncipal assets, if different from principal		
		County	place of busine	155		
			Number, Street	City, State & ZIP Code		
5.	Debtor's website (URL)	https://www.heritagelabexpress.co				

■ Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))

☐ Partnership (excluding LLP)

☐ Other. Specify:

Type of debtor

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7.	Describe debtor's business	A. Check one:				
		■ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))				
		☐ Single Asset Real E	Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))			
		☐ Railroad (as defined	d in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))			
		☐ Stockbroker (as def	fined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))			
		☐ Commodity Broker	(as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))			
		☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))				
		□ None of the above				
		B. Check all that apply				
		☐ Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)				
		☐ Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)				
		•	(as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))	,		
			ican Industry Classification System) 4-digit code the gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes.	at best describes debtor. See		
		6215	*****			
8.	Under which chapter of the	Check one:				
•	Bankruptcy Code is the	☐ Chapter 7				
	debtor filing?	☐ Chapter 9				
	A debtor who is a "small business debtor" must check	Chapter 11. Check all that apply:				
	the first sub-box. A debtor as defined in § 1182(1) who elects to proceed under subchapter V of chapter 11 (whether or not the debtor is a "small business debtor") must check the second sub-box.	=	The debtor is a small business debtor as defined noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts \$3,024,725. If this sub-box is selected, attach the	owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than e most recent balance sheet, statement of come tax return or if any of these documents do not		
		•	proceed under Subchapter V of Chapter 11. I	ttes) are less than \$7,500,000, and it chooses to f this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent ow statement, and federal income tax return, or if		
			Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).	on from one or more classes of creditors, in		
			The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(a Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individual (Official Form 201A) with this form.	d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the		
			The debtor is a shell company as defined in the	Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.		
		☐ Chapter 12				
9.	Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?	■ No. □ Yes.				
	If more than 2 cases, attach a	District	When	Case number		
	separate list.	District	When	Case number		

Document Page 3 of 17 Debtor Case number (if known) Heritage Lab Express, Inc. 10. Are any bankruptcy cases ■ No pending or being filed by a ☐ Yes. business partner or an affiliate of the debtor? List all cases. If more than 1. Debtor Relationship attach a separate list District Case number, if known 11. Why is the case filed in Check all that apply: this district? Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district. A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district. 12. Does the debtor own or ■ No have possession of any Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed. real property or personal ☐ Yes. property that needs immediate attention? Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.) ☐ It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety. What is the hazard? ☐ It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather. ☐ It includes perishable goods or assets that could guickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options). ☐ Other Where is the property? Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code Is the property insured? ☐ No Insurance agency ☐ Yes. Contact name Phone Statistical and administrative information 13. Debtor's estimation of Check one: available funds Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. ☐ After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors. 14. Estimated number of **1** 25,001-50,000 **1**,000-5,000 1-49 creditors **5001-10,000 5**0,001-100,000 **50-99 1**0,001-25,000 ■ More than 100,000 **1**00-199 □ 200-999 15. Estimated Assets □ \$0 - \$50,000 □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion □ \$50,001 - \$100,000 □ \$10,000,001 - \$50 million □ \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion □ \$50,000,001 - \$100 million □ \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion **\$100,001 - \$500,000** □ \$100,000,001 - \$500 million ☐ More than \$50 billion □ \$500,001 - \$1 million 16. Estimated liabilities **□** \$0 - \$50,000 □ \$1,000,001 - \$10 million □ \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion

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Debtor Heritage Lab Express, Inc.

Case number (if known)

Isarathy@whitestonelawgroup.com

Request for Relief	, Declaration, and Signatures			
	nd is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection wi or up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3			
17. Declaration and signatu of authorized representative of debtor	The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition. I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.			
	I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.			
	Executed on January 8, 2024 MM / DD / YYYY			
✗ /s/ Joy Ramirez		Joy Ramirez		
	Signature of authorized representative of debtor Title President	Printed name		
18. Signature of attorney	X /s/ Laxmi P. Sarathy	Date January 8, 2024		
	Signature of attorney for debtor	MM / DD / YYYY		
	Laxmi P. Sarathy			
	Printed name			
	Whitestone, P.C.			
	Firm name			
	17W775 Butterfield Road Suite 114			

Email address

6297529 IL Bar number and State

Contact phone

Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181 Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

312-674-7965

ACTION BY THE DIRECTORS OF HERITAGE LAB EXPRESS, INC. BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT

We, the undersigned being all of the directors of Heritage Labs Express, Inc., ("Corporation") an Illinois corporation, hereby consent in writing, to the following:

WHEREAS, the Corporation is insolvent and unable to pay its debts when due;

WHEREAS, the Corporation and its creditors would be best served by a reorganization of the Corporation pursuant to Sub-chapter V under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code;

RESOLVED as follows:

- 1. The Corporation shall file, as soon as possible, a voluntary petition pursuant to Subchapter V of Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code;
- 2. Joy Ramirez, the President, Secretary and a Director of the Corporation is hereby designated as the representative of the Corporation to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the Corporation with respect to the filing of the voluntary bankruptcy petition and to attend all meeting of creditors and otherwise act as the authorized representative of the Corporation;
- 3. That Laxmi P. Sarathy and the Whitestone, P.C., are hereby employed to act as counsel for the Corporation in the filing and prosecution of the Chapter 11 case;

4. That the accounting firm of Daniel Greenman & Associates, and Daniel Greenman are hereby employed to act as the Corporation's accountants during the pendency of the Chapter 11 case.

Dated: January 8, 2024

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Joy Ramirez,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed my name as Secretary and have hereunto affixed the corporate seal of the Corporation this 8th Day of January 2024.

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1/8/2024

Joy Ramirez, Secretary

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Signer ID: Signed by: Sent to email: IP Address:

Joy Ramirez slonej1995@gmail.com 108.5.217.188 Jan 8 2024, 7:31 am CST Signed at:

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Debtor name Heritage Lab Express, Inc.					
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS	☐ Check if this is an				
Case number (if known):	amended filing				

Official Form 204

Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders

A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim. Total claim, if Deduction for value Unsecured claim		
		contracts)		partially secured	of collateral or setoff	0.100001100001011111
BSI Financial Services P.O. Box 517 Titusville, PA 16354		25716 South Stoney Island Avenue, Crete, IL 60417		\$400,000.00	\$290,000.00	\$110,000.00
Lexus Financial Services PO Box 5855 Carol Stream, IL 60197-5855		2021 Lexus RX450H		\$60,000.00	\$34,000.00	\$26,000.00

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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In r	Heritage Lab Express, Inc.		Case No.		
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	11	
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPE	NSATION OF ATTOR	RNEY FOR DI	EBTOR(S)	
1.	Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016 compensation paid to me within one year before the filir be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of	ng of the petition in bankruptcy,	or agreed to be paid	to me, for services rendered or to	
				5,000.00	
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received		\$	5,000.00	
	Balance Due		\$	0.00	
2.	\$				
3.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:				
	☐ Debtor ☐ Other (specify): Jack (Group, LLC			
4.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:				
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):				
5.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed comp	pensation with any other person u	unless they are mem	bers and associates of my law firm.	
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensations copy of the agreement, together with a list of the national control of the contro				
6.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:				
	 a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rende b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, stat c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of credite d. [Other provisions as needed] Negotiations with secured creditors to reaffirmation agreements and application 522(f)(2)(A) for avoidance of liens on ho 	ement of affairs and plan which ors and confirmation hearing, an reduce to market value; exe ons as needed; preparation	may be required; d any adjourned hea mption planning;	rings thereof; preparation and filing of	
7.	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed ferometric Representation of the debtors in any distance any other adversary proceeding.			es, relief from stay actions or	
		CERTIFICATION			
this	I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of an pankruptcy proceeding.	y agreement or arrangement for	payment to me for r	epresentation of the debtor(s) in	
	lanuary 8, 2024	/s/ Laxmi P. Sarat	hy		
Date		Laxmi P. Sarathy	_		
		Signature of Attorney Whitestone, P.C.	y		
		17W775 Butterfiel	d Road		
		Suite 114 Oakbrook Terrace	N 60181		
			312-674-7965 Fax: 312-873-4774		
		Isarathy@whitest		<u>n</u>	
		Name of law firm			

Laxmi P. Sarathy, Esq., LL.M. Attorney at Law lsarathy@whitestonelawgroup.com Faisal Niaz, Esq. Attorney at Law fniaz@whitestonelawgroup.com

January 07, 2024

VIA EMAIL TO slonej1995@gmail.com

Heritage Labs Express, Inc. c/o Joy Ramirez 3670 Ayr Ln Crete IL 60417

RE: Engagement of Whitestone, P.C. for Heritage Labs Express, Inc.

Scope of Representation: Services rendered will include all court appearances, preparation and filing of necessary documents, preparation of a Plan of Reorganization and all other necessary work with a view toward confirming a Chapter 11 plan under Sub Chapter 5 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

Dear Joy,

You have requested the services of Laxmi P. Sarathy, of Whitestone, P.C. to represent Heritage Labs Express, Inc., ("You", or "YOUR") in its Chapter 11 case in the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division. This letter confirms and memorializes your engagement of Whitestone, P.C. as legal counsel ("Engagement").

We will prepare and file all necessary documents, prepare, and file a Plan of Reorganization, attend all court appearances, and all other necessary work with a view toward confirming a Chapter 11 Plan.

Whitestone, P.C. requires an advance security retainer at the outset of this Engagement. We believe an initial advance security retainer in the amount of \$5,000.00 is appropriate ("Retainer"). At the outset, we also anticipate the filing fee of \$1,738.00 that is payable to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court. All future attorney compensation will be payable after court approval.

While we cannot guarantee any particular result, we guarantee that we will take utmost effort and will complete all the work necessary for this Engagement for the retainer. The retainer is merely a reserve against future legal fees and other charges and reimbursable expenses. It has no bearing upon the actual fees and costs you will incur in this case. We reserve the right to request additional retainers if we believe they are needed. Of course, any unused portion of the retainer or additional retainers will be refunded to you upon completion of our services.

Whitestone, P.C. will send you monthly or other periodic invoices describing our services, time devoted, and the names of the attorneys and paralegals providing those services, and the other

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charges and reimbursable expenses incurred in your case. As is typical, Whitestone, P.C.'s fees will be calculated on an hourly basis at our usual and customary hourly rates in effect from time to time. The hourly rates for the services of our attorneys currently range between \$250 and \$375, and the hourly rates of our clerks and paralegals currently range between \$150 and \$175. My current hourly rate is \$375. The hourly rate of my associate who may or may not assist me with your case is \$275. Whitestone, P.C. will bill you separately for our services. You will be responsible for reimbursing Whitestone, P.C.

All out of pocket disbursements that we incur as we perform services on your behalf during the preceding billing period will be itemized on each periodic invoice. Reimbursable out-of-pocket costs and other charges and expenses include, but are not limited to, photocopying, travel expenses, court reporter fees and transcript costs, investigation fees, quit filing fees, document production, assembly, and reproduction costs, expedited mail, delivery and messenger services, computerized legal research, and other incidental expenses. We do not charge for faxes.

Our invoices are payable upon receipt. We invite a free discussion with us concerning any questions on our invoices, because we want you to be satisfied with both the quality of our legal work and the reasonableness of our fees. We make estimates of fees, charges, and reimbursable expenses that Whitestone, P.C. anticipates you will incur. These expenses are subject to circumstances beyond Whitestone, P.C.'s control, such as changes in strategies or other unforeseen circumstances. As can appreciate, Whitestone, P.C. cannot be bound by any estimates except as may be agreed to by Whitestone, P.C. in writing.

We believe our attorney client relationship with you is one of mutual trust and confidence. As a matter of professional responsibility, we are required to preserve your confidences and secrets. This professional obligation and legal privilege for attorney client communications exist so that you are encouraged to be candid. When complete communication is established between us, we can perform the most beneficial services for you only when we are aware of all information that might be relevant to our engagement. Please ensure that all information that might be relevant is provided to us. Consequently, we trust that our attorney client relationship with you will be based on mutual confidence and unrestricted communication to ensure that we represent you properly and effectively.

You have the right to terminate our engagement at any time by your written notice to us. Termination of our services will not affect your responsibility to pay the fees and costs for legal services rendered up to the date we receive notice of termination, or for any further work required of us to facilitate and efficiently turnover matters in process at the time of termination.

In addition, we are obligated to inform you that while we obviously have no present intention of doing so, we reserve the right to terminate our engagement upon written notice to you, and to cease rendering legal services on your behalf if our invoices are not timely paid, or if we determine, in our sole discretion, that our continued representation of you is not in our or your best interest.

Whitestone, P.C. is committed to minimizing paper wastage. To that end, Whitestone, P.C. has an internal policy of encouraging transmission of documents via electronic means where

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feasible. Electronic information provided to our firm will be retained by us for a minimum of seven years after we have last performed services related to this engagement. This is required by law, as applicable. Of course, where electronic transmission is not possible, Whitestone, P.C., will accept paper copies or physical materials. Whitestone, P.C. will make efforts to convert physical items to an electronic format and return the physical items back to you. We reserve the right to dispose of physical files not picked up by you via secured means as allowed by law in this jurisdiction. You recognize that we may, in exercising our judgment while working on this engagement, discard certain documents, such as interim drafts, the retention of which we do not believe to be significant to the protection of your interests.

If this letter accurately describes your understanding of our relationship, please sign and date this letter where indicated and return it to me, along with the retainer fee which can be paid by check, money order, credit cards or Zelle. Contemporaneous with this email is an invoice with the requested retainer.

We appreciate your confidence in us and look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,

Laxmi P Sarathy

ACCEPTED AND AGREED

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eSignature Details

VkTgfgkLSgRDAdUyXoMCB71R Joy Ramirez slonej1995@gmail.com 108.5.217.188 Jan 8 2024, 7:31 am CST Signer ID: Signed by: Sent to email: IP Address:

Signed at:

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United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Illinois

In re	Heritage Lab Express, Inc.		Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	
	CORPORATE	OWNERSHIP STATEMENT	(RULE 7007.1)	
			(RCLL 700711)	
Pursua	ant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Prod	cedure 7007.1 and to enable the Ju	dges to evaluate	possible disqualification or
recusa	l, the undersigned counsel for <u>Herita</u>	ge Lab Express, Inc. in the above	captioned action	n, certifies that the
follow	ring is a (are) corporation(s), other than	n the debtor or a governmental uni	it, that directly or	r indirectly own(s) 10% or
more o	of any class of the corporation's(s') equ	ity interests, or states that there ar	e no entities to r	eport under FRBP 7007.1:
■ Noi	ne [Check if applicable]			
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Janua	ary 8, 2024	/s/ Laxmi P. Sarathy		
Date		Laxmi P. Sarathy		
		Signature of Attorney or Litiga	ant	
		Counsel for Heritage Lab Exp		
		Whitestone, P.C.		
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		Suite 114		
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